

# LEADERSHIP HOPKINSVILLE-CHRISTIAN COUNTY ADULT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

## ***THE PROGRAM***

**LEADERSHIP HOPKINSVILLE-CHRISTIAN COUNTY** is a program designed to develop the leadership potential existing in our community. It brings together individuals with diverse backgrounds and experiences, who have demonstrated talent and commitment for leadership.

The program includes:

- One full day of class each month in various locations throughout the area (2-day overnight retreat in August)
- Opportunities to network with Focus 21st Century and other leadership groups
- Classroom study and homework
- Small group discussions
- Facility tours
- Extensive program, class and community related group presentations
- Community service events
- Training in leadership skills

## ***STATEMENT OF PURPOSE***

It is the goal of **LEADERSHIP HOPKINSVILLE-CHRISTIAN COUNTY** to develop a source of informed, civic-oriented, volunteer leaders who are interested in helping direct the future of Hopkinsville and Christian County.

The program will:

- Provide a systematic, educational program to familiarize participants with the community's opportunities, needs, problems and resources.
- Establish an effective dialogue and peer-relationship arena among participants and program alumni, as a common ground for present and future communication.
- Provide a rapport among participants and individuals currently in leadership positions within the community.
- Identify individuals who have demonstrated leadership qualities and concern for the community's future.

## ***SELECTION CRITERIA***

Participation in **LEADERSHIP** is a competitive process open to people living or working in Christian County. The Selection Committee will select up to (20) participants who represent a cross-section of the community. Applicants must have the

full support of the organization or business they represent in order to commit the time and effort required by the program. It is an honor to be chosen for **LEADERSHIP**, therefore, there is an expectation that the individual will remain involved in Hopkinsville and Christian County in the near future. Program selection is application based. Applications will be reviewed by the Selection Committee and, pending the review, all applicants will be notified of their acceptance or non-acceptance. Admission is expected to be highly competitive and those not chosen are encouraged to reapply the following year.

## ***ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS***

It is an honor to be chosen for the **LEADERSHIP** program and as such, attendance at each and every session, class and activity is mandatory. This includes the opening and closing retreats, the monthly class days, and any other time that is required to fulfill the programs, projects, and community service events.

If (only for extenuating circumstances) a class member misses a monthly class session, that individual may stay in the class; however, in order to graduate from the program, the missed day must be completed during the following class year. If more than one class day is missed, the participant will no longer be eligible for graduation but may reapply for future classes. Anything less than a full day's attendance is considered an absence. Absence from the opening retreat may not be made up. The leadership board will contact a participant's employer or sponsor in the event of any absence and/or of ineligibility for graduation.

## ***TUITION***

A nominal tuition fee is charged for the **LEADERSHIP** program, which covers all your meals, lodging and instructional materials used throughout the course. The fee is \$550 for Chamber members and \$600 for non-members. If a participant's employer pays the tuition fee of \$500 for Chamber members or \$550 for non-members, the participant is required to pay the participant fee of \$50 to demonstrate individual commitment to the program. The \$50 personal fee is due upon notification of acceptance into the program. The balance is due prior to the opening retreat. No refund of tuition will be issued for any reason beyond two weeks prior to the opening retreat. A limited number of partial scholarships may be available for hardship situations.

Please give serious consideration to all criteria requirements, involvement, and attendance mandates before applying. If you have any questions please call 270-885-9096.